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1. AT A MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT ( EUR/ RPE - TARRANT) AND MISSION  
OFFICERS ON JUNE 21, GEORGES BRONDEL, DIRECTOR FOR HYDROCARBONS  
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IN THE EC COMMISSION, REVIEWED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY'S ACTIVITIES ON A NUMBER OF ENERGY MATTERS. BRONDEL SAID HE WILL BE THE EC COMMISSION PARTICIPANT IN THE OECD OIL COMMITTEE'S HIGH LEVEL GROUP WORKING PARTY WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP AN OIL APPORTIONMENT SCHEME FOR EMERGENCIES ( SEE REFTEL A). HE HOPES TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE END OF AUGUST.

2. THE EC IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO HAVE ANOTHER ENERGY COUNCIL. IN NOVEMBER. LOOKING BACK, BRONDEL SAID THE MAY 22 ENERGY COUNCIL HAD HAD POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESULTS- IT HAD INITIATED MEMBER STATE THINING ABOUT THE NEED FOR COMMON POLICIES BUT IT HAD FAILED TO GAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION' S WORKING PAPER ON A COMMON ENERGY POLICY. WORK IS NOW PROCEEDED WITHIN THE COMMISSION ON THE SEVEN ENEERGY PAPERS WHICH THE COMMISSION UNDERTOOK TO PREPARE AT THE MAY 22 MEETING. IN THAT CONNECTION, BRONDEL STATED THAT THE COMMISSION' S PRESENT THINKING IS THAT IS PAPER REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY PETROLEUM MARKET WILL NOT INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO " APPROVED COMPANIES". HOWEVER, HE LATER STATED THAT THE COMMISSION STILL IS AGREED UPON THE NEED FOR CLOSE " CONCERTATION" BETWEEN THE OIL COMPANIES AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

3. BRONDEL DISCUSSED WITH US THE JUNE 18 ANNOUNCEMENT OF FRG INTENTIONS TO TAKE A GREATER GOVERNMENTAL PART IN THE FORMATION OF A GERMAN OIL COMPANY ( SEE REFTEL B). HE SAID THE FRG DECISION CONSTITUTES ADOPTION OF A NEW ALTERNATIVE IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO REALIZE A LONG- STANDING INTENTION ON ITS PART TO DIVERSITY GERMAN OIL SUPPLIES- AN EARLIER ALTERNATIVE INVOLVING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES HAVING BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. HE PREDICTED THAT THE SHARE OF THE GERMAN MARKET WHICH THE NEW COMPANY WOULD HAVE WOULD BE LESS THAN 15 PERCENT. ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF ORGANIZING SUCH A COMPANY AT THIS TIME IS THAT IT WILL ACT AS THE ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL PURCHASE REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THE NEW REFINERY TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN IRAN UNDER THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRG AND IRAN.

4. BRONDEL CONCLUDED BY REMARKING THAT CONVERSATIONS DURING SIMONET' S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE OECD MEETINGS, AND VISITS OF U. S. OFFICIALS TO BRUSSELS HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN GAINING  
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MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER' S VIEWS REGARDING ENERGY. HE SAID THAT MOST COMMUNITY OFFICILA NOW HAVE A BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF THE U. S. ENERGY SITUATION, ALTHOUGH SOME SUSPICION REMAINS OF U. S. MOTIVES. HE SAID THIS SUSPICION CAN BE TYPIFIED BY THE QUESTION WHICH HE STILL HEARS FROM TIME TO TIME FROM HIS COLLEAGUES: WHY IS THE U. S. INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL COOPER-

TION WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD BE DIRECTED AT STABILIZING PRICES WHEN HIGHER PRICES WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OR INDIGENOUS U. S. ENERGY RESOURCES? GREENWALD

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